

Hyde Park City Council Meeting
113 East Center Street
Hyde Park, Utah

July 8, 2015

The Hyde Park City Council meeting of July 8, 2015 began at 7:00 p.m. and was conducted by Mayor Bryan Cox.

City Officials Present: Mayor: Bryan Cox, Council members; Brent Kelly, Bret Randall, Sharidean Flint, and Charles Wheeler, Planning and Zoning members: Mark Lynne, Mark Hurd, and Melinda Lee, Animal Control Officer: Nolan Krebs, and City Recorder: Donja Wright. Council member Robert Christensen was excused.

Others Present: J.R. Allred, Mark Ashcroft, Jim Belliston, Wes Hoth, Brian Balls, Chris Gaddis, Vickie Inman, and Alan Balls

Prayer or Thought: Council member Wheeler

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Cox

Adoption of Agenda: Council member Kelly moved that the Hyde Park City Council approve the agenda for the July 8, 2015 Hyde Park City Council meeting as presented. Council member Flint seconded the motion. Council members Kelly, Randall, Flint and Wheeler voted in favor. The motion carried 4/0

Citizen Input: No Input

Citizen Comment on the Deer Herd Population in Hyde Park: The Mayor informed the citizens that the Council is seeking input from Hyde Park residents as to how they would like to see the urban deer population handled in Hyde Park City. The following citizens gave input. He turned the time over to the Citizens.

Wes Hoth approached the Council and informed them that he has been using a phone scope to track the deer in Hyde Park. His scope brings deer into focus so he can identify them. He said that according to his calculations, there are about 30 deer living in the City year round including spring fawns. He feels that it is not a wise use of tax payer's dollars to try to capture the deer and especially not in the winter as they are capturing deer that migrate as well as urban deer. Capturing them in the summer would eliminate the capturing of migratory deer.

Mark Ashcroft informed the Council that he supports a mitigation program for the urban deer. He has as many as 26 deer in his orchard and at least 7 year round. They cause a significant loss to his crops and they are a public safety issue. He supports the deer being harvested and allowing interested Hyde Park City residents to pay for the meat, by reimbursing the City for the \$75.00 processing fee.

Chris Gaddis informed the Council that he has lived in his house for 24 years. In the past 15 years he has had deer living in his yard throughout the winter. The past 5 years they have been living there year round. He built a deer fence around his property and it has helped. Over the years he has disposed of several dead deer around the property and thinks something needs to be done. He likes the idea of relocating the deer.

Vickie Inman informed the Council that she does not live in Hyde Park but lives on the border. She owns 25 fruit trees and none of them have leaves below deer level. The deer eat everything in the garden and they live in the yard year round now. She supports harvesting the deer for citizens in need.

Alan Balls informed the Council that he feels that we built in the deer's home range and if citizens have a problem, they should build fences. He loves the animals and does not think that it is the City's problem to resolve this issue.

J.R. Allred informed the Council that he has always had deer on his property. They are now living there year round. He does not try to grow a garden any more so he does not care as much about the deer being on his property. He has a few hundred evergreens on his property that they love.

Brian Balls has lived in Hyde Park for a long time and it wasn't until Greystone went in that the deer became a problem. The building brought the deer down. He feels that we built in their home and he does not support doing anything about the deer.

Animal Control Officer, Nolan Krebs informed the Council and Citizens that as soon as the deer enters the City limits, they are considered urban deer. He estimated that he puts approximately 75 – 80 deer in the dumpster each year. Most of the deer have been hit by cars, many were caught in fences, and some were sick and had to be put down. North Logan City recently put this issue before the council and they are leaning towards trapping the deer, relocating the bucks and killing the does and fawns for citizens of North Logan to use as meat. The Citizens will sign up for the deer and pay to have them processed. Several citizens have thanked North Logan for their efforts towards reducing the urban deer. Mr. Krebs informed the Council that the DNR will not participate in the management of Urban Deer. He said that he agreed with Mr. Hoth, the trapping of the deer would be better in the summer months except that they are more difficult to trap. They have access to ample food and are not easily baited. If the City is interested in making a plan for urban deer management, the City will need to talk to Darren DuBoyd from the DNR.

Council member Randall informed the Council and citizens that everything else that is wild, such as raccoons, skunks and coyotes are dealt with but the deer have not been. He feels that when quality of life is adversely affected, the Council needs to respond.

Council member Kelly informed the Council that there are 2 elements to the process of urban deer management; first, modify the animal control ordinance to include a deer management section and second, create a deer trapping plan and have the plan approved by the DNR. He invited Planning and Zoning to obtain a copy of North Logan's Deer Trapping Plan.

Mayor Cox informed the citizens that the next step will be to have the Planning & Zoning commission continue writing the Ordinance and begin crafting a plan similar to North Logan's to bring to City Council.

Consider a T-Mobile Lease Agreement: Council member Wheeler informed the Council that he had some concerns with the wording on page 3, section 8b where it discusses tenant's responsibility for utility charges. He recommended that T-Mobile make it clear in the agreement that they will be responsible for their own utilities. Council member Kelly questioned the insurance and recommended that the Council request the same insurance coverage from all service providers. After looking up Comcast's agreement, the Council determined that the insurance was appropriate. The council discussed what would happen if another cell phone provider wanted to connect to the tower and they determined that according to the contract, the new tenant will pay T-Mobile for the pole lease and will pay the City for lease of the property. Council member Wheeler made a motion to approve the T-Mobile Site Lease Agreement contingent on T-Mobile removing all but the first two sentences of Section 8b and changing the second sentence to read "Tenant shall install separate meters for Tenant's utility usage". Council member Kelly seconded the motion. Council members Kelly, Randall, Flint and Wheeler voted in favor. The motion carried 4/0.

Consider an Interlocal Agreement Creating a Regional Wastewater Treatment Rate Committee: The Mayor informed the Council that although this agreement was not everything the Cities had wanted, it was a significant step in allowing the Cities more say in accountability and rates. Everyone pays the same rate, including Logan City. The weighted votes change with the population. Council member Randall asked what will happen to the additional clean water that comes out of the new treatment facility. The Mayor said that had not been discussed yet. Council member Kelly made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement Creating a Regional Wastewater Treatment Rate Committee. Council member Flint seconded the motion. Council members Kelly, Flint and Wheeler voted in favor. Council member Randall voted against. The motion carried 3/1.

Departments:

Parks: Council member Wheeler informed the Council that the City has contracted with Eco-Grass, Inc. to install the fall zones in two of the playgrounds.

The City will begin paving the trail by the Krebs property in upper Lion's Park.

Council member Wheeler is working with several scouts on Eagle Scout projects; they are installing 5 park benches in the park and 2 picnic tables under new pavilion.

Cache Landmark is working on the preliminary design for the new park on 250 East.

Storm Water – Council member Kelly requested that when we have the combined Council meeting with North Logan on July 22, the agreement with Hyde Park Canal Company be included in the agenda.

City Celebration: Council member Randall informed the Council that he has rounded up lots of prizes for the fun run. He thinks that Council member Christensen may need some help hauling fireworks to the City Building. Council member Flint recommended that Larry Hill could help with that. Council member Kelly informed the Council that Carol Johnson has agreed to be the Grand Marshall for the City Celebration Parade. Council member Flint informed the Council that there will be 6 vendors and several activity booths for the kids. She met with the public works team and they are prepared to help with the celebration in Mike Grunig's absence. The Mayor informed the Council that Maverik will be sponsoring the inflatables. They are donating \$1,000 per year for a total of 5 years. The City is providing 2 shade tents for the band to sit under.

Water: Council member Randall informed the Council that in one day last week the City used 2.5 million gallons of water. Due to the current rainfall and drop in temperatures, the pumps are only being turned on at night and the spring is still pretty full for this time of year.

Admin: Donja Wright informed the Council that the Nominating Convention will be held August 18th at 7:00pm.

Adjourn: 8:35

Donja Wright – City Recorder

Council member Randall made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2015 Council meeting. Council member Kelly seconded the motion. Council members Kelly, Christensen, Randall and Wheeler voted in favor. The motion carried 4-0.